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YAKKA BANOVIC
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Yakka Banovic (Heidelberg), Peter Sharne (Marconi) and Joe Senkalski (Newcastle KB United) were late additions to the Australian youth team that starts its Oceania Cup challenge in Noumea on Sunday.

Paul Tombides of Western Australia withdrew because of apprenticeship exams and St George goalkeeper Mike Fraser is out due to injury.

The full squad is: Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Yakka Banovic, Theo Selemidis (Vic), Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Craig Hall, Peter Sharne, Joe Senkalski, Arno Bertogna, Eddie Krncevic, Greg Woodhouse (NSW), Danny Moulds (ACT), Mark Brusasco (Brisbane City), Vic Bozanic (SA).

Average age of the players is 19.4 but coach Rudi Gutendorf is disappointed that Tombides, Dave Skeen, Brett Woods and Paul Bush dropped out due to apprenticeship exams.

"These four are eligible to play in the world youth championships next year and it was to give such players experience that we decided to enter a young team in the Oceania Cup," Gutendorf said.

Once again, Gutendorf will not have an assistant in Noumea.

We will run a special feature on the Oceania Cup tournament when Australia returns.

Oceania Cup draw:

GROUP A
February 25: Fiji v Solomon Islands, New Zealand v Tahiti.

February 27: New Zealand v Fiji, Tahiti v Solomon Islands.

February 29: Tahiti v Fiji, New Zealand v Solomon Islands.

GROUP B
February 24: Australia v Papua-New Guinea, New Hebrides v Papua-New Guinea.

February 26: Australia v Papua-New Guinea, New Caledonia v New Hebrides.

February 28: New Caledonia v Papua-New Guinea, Australia v New Hebrides.

FINAL: March 2.

NATIONAL STARS STATE THEIR VIEWS

Krncevic:

**WE'LL GET
TO SPAIN**

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Peter Ollerton (No 10) and the rest of J.U.S.T. well turns in surprise as Jimmy Rooney finds a gap during the Ampol Cup match against Heidelberg last Saturday. From left: Petrov, Picioane, Iloski, Jovanovic, Ollerton, Rooney, Kondaros.



Eddie Krncevic clowning with tour leader Vic Tuting in Canton during the Socceroos' tour of China and Taiwan.

Ollerton:

**LET'S NOT
BET ON IT**

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Tournament off but Milan set for tour

The proposed international tournament between Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, Wales and Australia, almost certainly will be called off.

However, there is new hope that AC Milan will tour in May and the international tournament may be replaced with tours by Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

Victoria would play

against the visitors in Melbourne and the other State Federations also have been offered games. At least one of the matches would be against Australia.

The international tournament is almost certainly off because Wales has rejected the ASF's suggested match fee and Yugoslavia's national coach Miljan Miljanic does not favor a visit to Australia.

Mr Weinstein said he would recommend to ASF president Sir Arthur George that Real Madrid and Bayern Munich be invited during their summer break in July.

"We need something to mark our centenary year, and these two clubs would be even bigger drawcards than the New York Cosmos," Mr Weinstein said.

The Cosmos drew a record crowd of 50,000 to their game against Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds late last year.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

NSW SETBACK

NSW State coach Leo Baumgartner has failed to secure Phillips League players for the interstate match against Victoria at Olympic Park on Sunday week.

Sydney's PSL clubs refused to release their players to the State squad.

Baumgartner has been evaluating his men in trial games against Rudi Gutendorf's national youth team this week. He will reduce his squad at the weekend.

The players being tried out are: Meier, Houssein, Hensman, C. Eaton, Scott (Sydney Olympic), Hall (Canterbury), Karlofski (Avila), Watson, P. Mullen (Croatia), Lee, Thompson, Lembray, Daley (Bankstown), McDonald (Maltese Eagles), Carter (Auburn), Leyden (North Sydney), Williams (Sutherland).



Anderson joins us

One of Australia's leading soccer writers, Tom Anderson, has rejoined the "Soccer Action" team.

His fearless opinions, incisive commentary and thorough news reports will appear from next week.

Anderson, former star player with South Melbourne Hellas, St George and South Coast United, has been writing for the "Daily Mirror" for 10 years.

He has covered most of the Socceroos' tours during that time, including the 1974 and 1977 World Cup series.

Anderson, who played top soccer in Scotland and has made his fearless opinions, incisive commentary and thorough South Coast.

He was on our editorial team when "Soccer Action" started in 1976 but had to withdraw for a while due to other commitments.

He's more fearless than ever now that he's back. Don't miss his first contributions next week.

TOM ANDERSON

JANKOVICS WILL MAKE US EVEN BETTER

In a way, I'm hoping Czechoslovakia wins the European Championships in Italy this June, because it might prove to a few people that the Australian national team is going places.

If the Czechs win in Europe, our 2-2 draw with them in Melbourne will be an even better result and will silence a lot of critics.

A similar thing already has happened with the Australian youth team that toured South America in 1979. We failed to qualify for the World Youth Cup in Japan after losing 2-0 and 3-0 to Paraguay, and the critics said we were miles behind the rest of the world.

But in the World Cup finals, Paraguay reached the semi-finals and was unlucky to be knocked out by Russia. Paraguay's performance makes Australia's

results in South America look quite respectable.

Rudi Gutendorf knows what he's doing. Despite some criticism from the media and supporters, he's in full control and has mapped out his plans.

Team spirit is really high at the moment and the national team is starting to "click".

Sure, people have asked why Rudi has picked this player and not that one, but it's up to him. He knows what he wants from his players and has selected the ones who can do the job he wants. Rudi has the ability to get the best out of his players. I have learned a lot from Rudi and I'm now more confident.

He's been a tremendous help to me since I was first picked in the Australian

youth team. On the tour of South America I didn't play very well but Rudi stuck by me and gave me a chance with the national team.

My goal against the Czechs gave me a lot of satisfaction especially since I had failed to score in the first two games.

The defeats in Canberra and Sydney weren't as bad as they looked. We lacked fitness, and on top of that gave the Czechs some goals that never should have happened.

The lack of fitness was crucial. Rudi has moulded the team into a German-type system which requires each player to look after one opponent.

As soon as we lose possession, each player has a



man to cover. If my job is to cover the centre back when we lose possession, I must mark him tightly.

If my opponent goes up-field and scores a goal, it's my fault. In the Melbourne game, some spectators thought it was strange to see me defending in front of the Australian goal.

But when my man attacks I have to follow him.

In Sydney and Canberra, we weren't fit enough to mark properly. The Czechs move the ball on the deck so fast that it was hard to mark them.

The Czechs were allowed to get free men in scoring positions, and we paid heavily for that. But in Melbourne, we did a good job covering them.

Rudi's man-to-man system is working, and I think it will be effective against Asian teams which we will have to beat on the way to the World Cup in Spain.

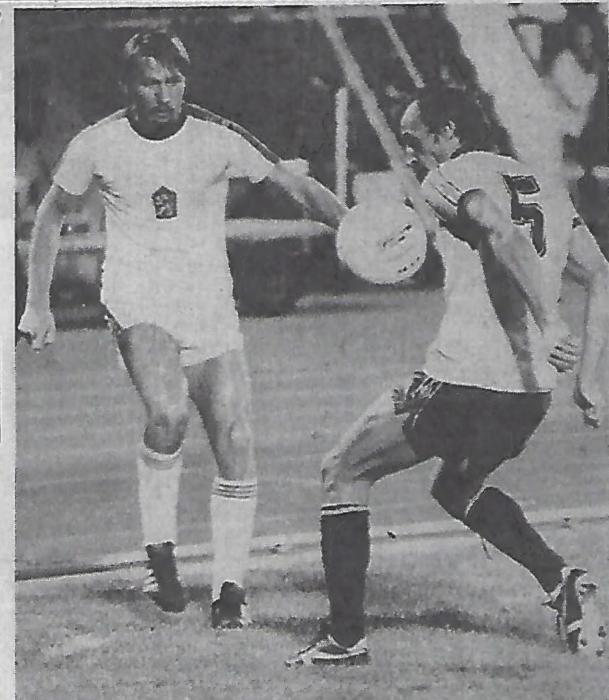
Yes, on the way to the World Cup! I'm confident we will get to Spain. Everyone dreams of playing in a World Cup and the Australians will be determined to do just that.

I have had the ambition to represent Australia in the World Cup since I was a kid, and with two teams qualifying from Asia instead of just one, we have a great chance.

The Czech result in Melbourne is only a start. We can do better, and achieve results by attacking opponents.

New Zealand is the team Australia can't wait to beat, since NZ beat us 1-0 in Auckland last year, we haven't heard the end of it.

But that game should never have been played.



Ivo Prskalo stops the ball in front of Zdenek Nehoda in Australia's 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia.

while. However, now he's having special injections for the injury and should be fine this season.

I have a good understanding with him which developed at Marconi and I think we could form a good partnership in the national team.

It would be interesting to see how it turns out if Mark and I played in the centre for Australia, with Peter Sharne on the right wing.

Mark plays close by me at Marconi, and we get on well. The understanding we have could help the national team.

The announcement this week that the Australian national team may turn professional for six months was great news for the players.

Being full-time would help us tremendously in the preparation for the World Cup.

Of course, the players are flat out most of the time, anyway. After the tour of China, I had just two weeks off before preparing for the Czech tour.

But tiredness is not a problem. The constant activity affects me more mentally than physically.

Anyway, I want to play as a professional overseas one day and so I may as well get used to it. But I'm not going to leave Australia until after the 1982 World Cup — I've got my heart set on playing for my country in Spain.



Gary Cole (left), John Coyne and Eddie Krnecovic at half time of the match against the Taipei City Bank in Taiwan. Krnecovic scored five of the goals in Australia's 7-1 victory.

Of course, I enjoyed playing for NSW in the 4-2 victory over Norwich City last season.

The Australian team was put together in a hurry for the NZ game, with most of the players coming from NSW.

Since then, Rudi has formed a settled team and Australia has made great improvement.

NZ has the same team as before and it would be impossible for us to lose again. I know we are far better than NZ and we will prove this in the World Cup games.

NZ plays an English style of game, using long balls. I enjoy playing against English teams and I'm looking for the tour by the Mercury 'B' team later this year.

He's injured at the moment and obviously Rudi couldn't use him against Czechoslovakia.

Mark has a hamstring injury which has bothered him off and on for a

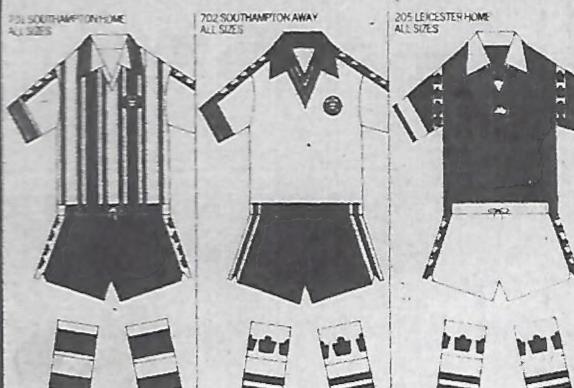
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Anna Zlaty, in Czech national dress, chats with John Coyne before the Australia v Czechoslovakia game in Melbourne.

On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



'On The Ball' is an exciting new series featured in 'Soccer Action'. It gives the players — the men who make the game — a chance to air their views. When the stars of Australian soccer are 'On The Ball', you be can sure there will be plenty of action!

By PETER OLLERTON



Australian soccer fans are quick to write off a sportsman as soon as he's out of the limelight and perhaps I have suffered because of this since I stopped playing with the national team.

People laugh at me when I tell them I'm only 28. Because I've been playing club soccer for nine years in Australia and had four years with the national team, people think I'm over the hill. But I'm only 28 and very happy with my form and fitness at the moment. I'm a long way from being over the hill and, in fact, think I'm good enough to play in the current Australian team.

I'm not trying to big-note myself, but I look at the current national team and know I'm as good as many of the players I see. There are some players in the team who I don't rate at all. I know I'm better and would like a chance to show it.

Some people will no doubt point out that I announced in late 1977 I was no longer available for Australian team tours. At the time, I didn't want to tour anymore but there were special reasons.

I had just returned from the 1977 World Cup qualifying tour. I spent the previous four years touring with the national team and was mentally and physically tired.

On top of that, my wife had just had a child and naturally I wanted to spend more time at home with my family.

Those two factors prompted me to say I didn't want to tour again but honestly I thought few of the players of the '77 team would be part of the future plans of the national team, anyway. Australia had missed out on the World Cup in Argentina and everyone was bitterly disappointed. Major changes were expected. Now, as Australia prepares for the 1981 World Cup qualifying games, I notice many familiar faces in the national team.

I'm not knocking coach Rudi Gutendorf for this, but I realise there is a chance for me to return to the national team. Of course, I'm not the only player in the country who would dearly love to represent Australia. The decisions on who plays and who misses out are made by Rudi Gutendorf.

I have the enthusiasm to again play for Australia and I know I can be of value to Gutendorf.

Australia must beat several Asian countries to qualify for the World Cup. I have played against these countries many times and have toured Asia.

I know what it's like to face the energetic Indonesians in front of 90,000 screaming, partisan fans in 100° Heat. It's an experience, I can tell you, but having gone

through it I know what to expect and how to overcome the problems. I have a good reputation in Asia. I've scored many goals against Asian teams and my style of play always seemed to upset the Asian players. I used to hit them hard and give them a rough time. I don't have to tell you that players from Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the like are scared stiff of me.

The Australian soccer Press has called me the 'mean machine' because of my encounters with the Asians. I'm not saying I'm a macho man but using strength and aggression sometimes is the only way against the Asians.

The Asians are typically fast, mobile and small players. It's hard for Australian teams to match their speed when playing in the hot, humid conditions of Asia.

Australian players aren't used to such conditions and wouldn't last if they tried to match the Asians' running. But by using our attributes — aggression and physical contact — we can overcome many disadvantages.

Frankly, I'd love the chance to rattle a few goals in against my 'old friends' in Asia. Whether I do or not depends on Rudi Gutendorf. Perhaps he has already decided on the 18 or 20 players he will use in the 1981 games, which makes it hard for myself and the other players battling for a place.

But I honestly think Gutendorf will be experimenting more with his team. With the team he has now, victory in the Oceania sub-group is not certain, let alone World Cup qualification.

I wouldn't expect to be given a chance in the national side unless I was in good form. In fact, I think I'm playing the best I have for a few seasons.

The reason for that could be my move to Footscray at the start of last season. Prior to joining Footscray, I had played for South Melbourne and Marconi; two teams with many top players.

Playing in a top team can cause a player sometimes to be lax. For example, in a good side some players will not pull their weight, but will get away with it because there are other good players to get the team through.

But Footscray isn't a team full of stars. Because the club paid good money for me, I'm expected to perform well every week, and this brings the best out of me.

Other players look up to me because I've represented Australia, and this puts the edge on my game. I have thrived in the new situation. There's nowhere to hide if things go bad.

Footscray has been very good to me and I want to

repay the people for that. I want to do my best for the club.

This season is going to be a struggle, however, unless the club buys three or four good players. Actually, a few of the players are a bit hurt because of the club's attitude.

After we got Footscray out of trouble last season, the officials said they had seen the light. The players were told a new coach and new players would come to Footscray.

We have a new coach, but the team is exactly the same, except for Joe Palinkas who transferred to Brisbane City.

Footscray needs three or four strong, determined players. The team lacks these qualities at the moment and will struggle without the right players.

In the squad there are six or seven really skilful Yugoslavs, but it's been proven that their skill alone is not enough in the Philips League.

With three or four robust, experienced players, Footscray would have a good team. You need this type of player when you get down to the nitty gritty of league soccer.

The club is supposedly importing two players from Yugoslavia — a left back and a midfielder. But there's no guarantee they will be good enough for the PSL.

Even if they are good enough, there's a chance they will not be able to produce the goods because they are homesick or unsettled by the language barrier.

The best thing is to buy players from local clubs who have jobs and homes here and who know the local conditions.

Otherwise, it will be pretty disheartening to start the season with the same team which just missed relegation.

The early Ampol Cup games have shown Footscray is not as strong as it should be. The team seems to have a problem in defence. No matter which team we are playing, we always seem to give them a handful of scoring chances.

Often we can get away with it because the opposition doesn't take the chances but that won't happen every game.

I have been used in defence this season by coach Rocco Ile and played well every game last season in the back four.

I played as a sweeper and enjoyed my three games in that position. It's an easy position to play if you can read the game, and know the strengths of your opponents.

Oceania success by no means sure for this national team

• Czech coach Joe Venglos (left) congratulates Rudi Gutendorf after the 2-2 draw last week.



For example, against Heidelberg in the Philips Cup last season, I played sweeper and kept a special eye on Gary Cole.

I know that Heidelberg plays through balls for Cole, so I dropped back an extra couple of yards to stop him breaking away. The plan had some success, as we won 2-1.

I've also played many games in midfield for Footscray after playing most of my career as a centre forward. Midfield is where I will be playing most of this season.

I'm not too keen on playing centre forward for Footscray. Too often I've been stranded at centre forward because I wasn't getting any service.

Our midfield players stay very deep, and this makes it hard for a centre forward to work. Centre forward is a position in which you need plenty of support.

The midfielders weren't giving me good service and winger Zdravko Lujic isn't the type of player who gives early passes.

But I think Lujic is the best left winger in Australia. He's strong, fast and can score goals, and I enjoy combining with him.

I honestly think Rudi Gutendorf should look at him, because for me he's a better player than Branko Buljevic.

I think last season's coach Bobby McLachlan pinpointed the problem when he said that when I play in midfield, I'm knocking balls forward that I should really be receiving.

I've discussed my position with Ile, and he's come up with a solution.

But I prefer to play in midfield or defence, because then I can really work and sweat for the club. I'll come off the pitch knackered but I know that I have done a job.

There are occasions when I'll be asked to push up. A couple of times we have been down 0-1 or 0-2 with 20 minutes to go, and I've gone up front for the team to bang long balls up forward.

It's desperation stuff, but there's no use sitting back when you're losing. Hopefully, Footscray will not have to revert to this desperation play this season.

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Echeverria, Pimblett and Campbell quit

By BRUCE WADDELL

Roberto Echeverria, the man earmarked by national coach Rudi Gutendorf as possibly the Franz Beckenbauer of the national team, has gone back home to Argentina.

Gutendorf saw Echeverria as the type of attacking libero who could bring the ball forward through the middle, but nagging injuries prevented Echeverria from taking his chance with the Socce-

roos.

He slipped away quietly and is unlikely to return.

So too did his Brisbane City team-mates Frank Pimblett and Bobby Campbell.

LATE PENALTY

Newcastle KB United beat Canberra City in the first leg of the Prime Minister's Cup 1-0 with a late penalty converted by captain Roy Drinkwater.

The second leg of the Cup will be played in Canberra later this year.

Details with ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD. 1 (Drinkwater penalty, 89th) **CANBERRA CITY** 0 at International Sports Centre, crowd 6536, referee Jim Reeves.

KB UTD: Dando 9 — Reaney 9, Summerscales 8, Drinkwater 8, Curran 8 — Senkalski 8, Bertogna 7, Tredinnick 7 — Heys 7, McClelland 7, Jones 7.

CANBERRA: Wilson 7 — Brown 8, (M. O'Shea 74th), R. O'Shea 7, Stark 8, Williams 7 — J. O'Shea 8, Byrne 8, Cole 9 — McLaren 7, Brennan 7, (Lustica 79th), P. Reis 7 (Farrell 85th).

Caution: R. O'Shea, Stark.

Muir still available

St George bought Dave McIntosh from Sydney Olympic when its negotiations with Adelaide City defender Jim Muir broke down last week.

This leaves Muir open to offers.

The big centre back who, like McIntosh, can double as a striker, played for Dumbarton in Scotland before joining Adelaide City. City also has Robert Marwe on the transfer list.

He is a true utility player who can play centre back, midfield or central striker.



Jim Muir



Frank Pimblett

Tripp, an English non-league player who migrated to Australia last year.

Four other overseas players, expected to arrive within the next four weeks, will complete City's PSL squad for the 1980 season.

City has proved somewhat of a surprise packet



Robert Marwe

since the PSL began, winning the Philips Cup in 1977 and '78 and reaching last year's grand final series against Sydney City.

Coach Nero Saffich, who did a tremendous job lifting the team from last in 1978 to fourth in 1979, is unashamedly secretive about the newcomers.

At least two of the new players are Scottish. "But until they are on Brisbane soil with their names on contracts, I prefer to leave them unannounced," Saffich said.

Palinkas has settled quickly into City's different style and with "wee man" Kevin Low showing outstanding form in pre-season matches, City should have one of the best wing combinations in the PSL.

St. George goalkeeper Martin Coe has returned to his home town Brisbane, and is training with City. If he is signed it would provide Kim Wishart with some stiff competition.

The club's internationals, Steve Perry and John Coyne are both on deck again, as are last year's regulars, centre half David Ratcliffe, midfielder Larry Gaffney, leftback Billy Wilkinson and striker Barry Kelso.

Sweeper George Potter, Queensland's Player-of-the-Year in 1979, has fully recovered from a serious head injury, caused by a clash with John Kosmina in the last PSL game.



Roberto Echeverria (right) is foiled by Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher.

Potter underwent corrective surgery and his mental approach has not been seriously affected. Potter has been appointed assistant coach to Saffich.

Usually wing Kevin Caldwell has been playing in defence in pre-season matches.

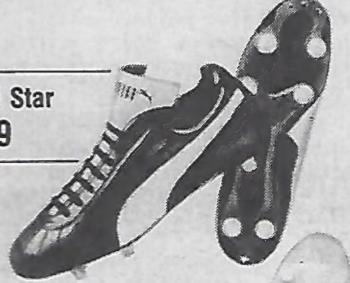


Barry Kelso

Coyne, Larry Gaffney, Joe Painkas, Barry Kelso, Kevin Low.

Likely reserves — Martin Coe, Kevin Caldwell, Peter Tokes (back in training after nagging injury) and youngster Mark Brusasco.

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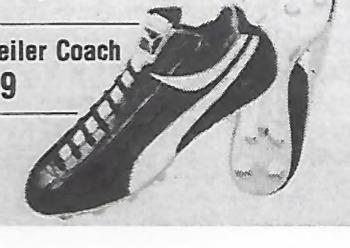
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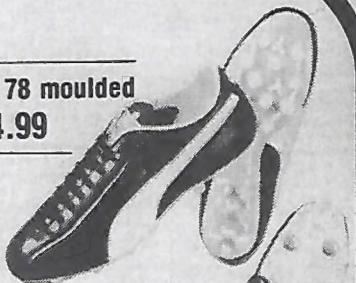
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The only solution is for the Philips League to draw up strict controls on transfer fees.

And the clubs must put a lot more effort into producing players of their own. It's more profitable investing in coaches to rear young players than it is to pay big money on transfers.

We have the talent right here in Australia. All we have to do is to harvest it. Look at the many good local players we've had over the years — John Perin, Johnny Warren, Ray Baartz, Billy Vojtek, Attila Abonyi, Col Curran, the Nyskohus brothers, Alan Davidson, GEORGE Christopoulos, Sebastian Giampaolo,

Walter Valeri, Eddie Krnecic, Mark Janovics, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Ron Corry, Paul Degney, Peter Raskopoulos, to name just a few.

The present rush on the transfer market is increasing the financial burden on a league which already finds it hard to make ends meet.

Much of the enthusiasm of the first and even the second seasons seems to have gone.

Pre-season publicity is at its lowest ebb. Clubs which lack confidence about the future and about their bank balance are keeping quiet instead of promoting themselves in preparation for kick-off.

Interstate practice matches are few and far between whereas last year there were so many you couldn't keep track of them all. Quite clearly, the clubs are worried whether there is enough interest to draw sufficient interest to draw sufficient people to such games.

And of course they are worried by the players' financial demands.

I am prompted to ask whether we should continue to contract part-time players for 12 months.

Wouldn't it be more appropriate to contract a player for six months if he plays for only six months?

There are no clubs that honestly can afford to pay a player a substantial yearly wage when its team is out of action for five months of the year.

The recently neglected policy that players should not be allowed into the national squad until they are naturalised should be reinforced.

Its value has been proved by the recent departure of Stuart Baxter (South Melbourne), Ian Souness (Sydney City) and Roberto Echeverria (Brisbane City). Only Souness may return.

Baxter was regarded as the No. 1 candidate for the national stopper's position and he actually played against Partizan Belgrade last year.

Yet Baxter since has returned to Europe and is playing in Sweden.

Echeverria was in line to become the libero of the national team, but he has gone home to Argentina.

Although he had already left, his name appeared in the official programme for the Australia v Czechoslovakia series.

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ROONEY SET FOR HIS 50th CAP

Socceroo captain Jimmy Rooney will play his 50th international match in the first game of the series against visiting Indonesia in March.

He joined Manfred Schaefer and Ray Baartz on 49 internationals by playing in the 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia last week.

Peter Wilson, with 62 caps, is Australia's most senior Socceroo.

Rooney was recalled by coach Rudi Gutendorf after a two-year absence from the national team, for the match against the New York Cosmos in Sydney late last year.

He and Tony Henderson scored the goals that gave Australia a memorable 2-1 victory in that match.

Rooney's first game for Australia was against the touring English FA team in 1971.

His Australian clubs have been Lions (Vic), Prague (NSW), APIA, Marconi and Heidelberg United which he joined in early 1979.

Internationals

62	Wilson
58	Abonyi
49	Schaefer, Baartz, Rooney
43	Warren
39	Alston
34	Utjesenovic
32	Richards
31	Mackay, Vojtek
30	Ollerton
29	Bennett
28	Corry, Ackerley
26	Harris
23	Watkiss
22	Buljevic, Curran
21	J. Nyskohus, Kosmina, Byrne
20	Harding
19	Keith, McColl
18	Clarke, Muniz, Williams
17	Barnes
16	Tolson
15	Reilly, E. Campbell, Westwater
14	Maher, Marnoch
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11	Tansey
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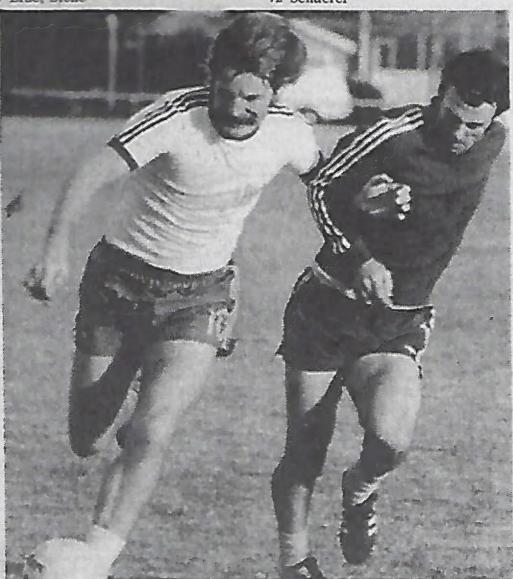
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5	Woodhouse, P. O'Connor, Krnecic, Rice, Romanowicz, Blitz, J. Anderson, Pearson
4	Prskalo, Jones, Cumming, Henderson, Perry, Cole, Blues, Denton, Roche, Ilott, Ainslie, Manuel
3	Jankovics, Coyne, Perin, B. Nyskohus, Giacometti, Wilkins, DeLyster, Zeman, Armstrong, Johnston, Giles
2	J. Campbell, Bertogna, Christopoulos, Mullen, Yaeger, Bell, Irvine, Butler, van Blerk, Sleight, Herczeg, Fuzes
1	Yzendoorn, Boyle, Davidson, S. O'Connor, Degney, J. O'Shea, Watson, Crook, Boden, Doyle, Roberts, Huttall, Davies, Cummings, Morrow, McDonald, J. Russell, Ristovski, Turner, Kelly

International goals

25	Abonyi
18	Baartz
13	Ollerton
8	Vojtek, McColl
7	Alston, Buljevic
6	Kosmina, Warren
5	Richards, Mackay
4	Tolson, Blue, Scheinflug
3	Rooney, Barnes, Campbell, Wilson
2	Harding, Watkiss, Westwater, Utjesenovic
1	Cumming, Cole, J. Nyskohus, Blues, Armstrong, Pearson, Todd, Johnston, Micic, Rutherford, Ainslie, Butler, Curran, Bennett, Krcenc, Prskalo

Total games

113	Wilson
94	Rooney
88	Abonyi
72	Schaefer



The next international game will be the 50th for Jimmy Rooney (right). Peter Wilson (left) holds the record with 62 caps.



Jimmy Rooney (left) shakes hands with Czechoslovakia's skipper Anton Ondrus before their 2-2 draw at Olympic Park. The match officials are, from left: Jim Fearn, Barry Harwood, Jim Brennan.

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J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland, the man of the match, flies to save in front of Heidelberg's Jamie Paton who has got in front of Jim Kondorios.



Goalkeeper Boland is helpless this time, as Paton scores Heidelberg's third goal. At right is J.U.S.T. right back Igor Hazabent. Pictures by STEVE CHATZIS.

Paton loses O'Reilly, wins match

By LAURIE SCHWAB

HEIDELBERG UTD 3
(Cole penalty 70th, &
74th, Paton 83rd.) **FOOT-
SCRAY J.U.S.T.** 1 (Pi-
cione 42nd), Ampol Cup
semi-final at Olympic
Park, crowd about 9200
(double-header).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic
8 — McMillan 6, Yzen-
doorn 7, Bannon 8, Tansey
8 — Selimidis 7, Rooney
7.5, Campbell 7 — Bozikas
6, Paton 7.5, Cole 8.
J.U.S.T.: Boland 9 — Ol-
lerton 5.5, Hazabent 8,
O'Reilly 6, Kondorios 7.5,
Petrov 7 — Iloski 6, Pi-
cione 6.5, Jovanovic 8 —
Vasic 6, (Rujevic 82nd),
Ljic 6.5.
Referee: Tony Beazley
7.

Cautions: Yzenndoorn.

Using two centre backs and a sweeper, Footscray J.U.S.T. looked much more purposeful than it had in earlier games, yet in the end, it was laxity in defence which contributed to its downfall.

Jim O'Reilly and Jim Kondorios did manage to score, Jamie Paton and Cole Cole for most of the match, but their concentration lapsed as Heidelberg applied the pressure.

Cole equalised with a penalty awarded against sweeper Peter Ollerton, who had fouled Paton, and suddenly the J.U.S.T. defence was in tatters.

O'Reilly allowed Paton to slip from his clutches, and it was Paton who won the game for Heidelberg, after being un-

sighted for most of the 90 minutes.

In an attractive, flowing move, the ball was played low to Paton who flicked it on first-time to Cole. The big Socceroo striker outmanoeuvred Kondorios and goaled with a shot past Dennis Boland, inside the far post.

Boland had been the best player afield but he could do nothing to stop this goal.

As usual, when things are going badly for J.U.S.T., Ollerton was pushed up to the central striker's position in a bid to perhaps snatch an equaliser.

But within seconds, Paton was busy again, this time hitting the post after the defenders had fouled up.

J.U.S.T. coach Rocco Ille reacted by pushing Joe Piccione into attack, making room for him there by taking off Dragan Vasic and bringing on Mirko Rujevic to take over from Piccione in midfield.

Ollerton and Piccione made a difference up front, but in defence J.U.S.T. was wide open. With seven minutes to go, Andy Bozikas came down the right flank, spotted Paton all on his own in the middle and played the ball square to him. All Paton had to do was

sighted for most of the 90 minutes. So Heidelberg advanced to the Ampol Cup final with a victory that looked much more comfortable than the first half would have suggested.

J.U.S.T. could have taken the lead in the first few minutes when a bad back-pass in Heidelberg's defence allowed Zdravko Ljic to nip in.

Goalkeeper Yakkia Banovic blocked Ljic and the ball rebounded to Vasic whose attempt just over the bar.

Then Banovic achieved a minor miracle in persuading Piccione to play first-time passes forward instead of dribbling the way he usually does.

These passes caused all sorts of problems, but that failure to mark meant that midfield colleague Slobodan Jovanovic had to mark not one, but two men coming at him.

Vasic missed badly from 10 metres after having beaten Jim Tansey on a through ball from Piccione.

Seconds later Piccione took matters into his own hands. A corner was cleared by the Heidelberg defence and Piccione rammed the ball back with a top-spin volley into the top of the net to put J.U.S.T. into the lead, three minutes from half time.

John Yzenndoorn raced up-field following for an immediate equaliser but Boland made a brilliant save.

Yzenndoorn was shown the yellow card just after half time when he was forced to grab Vasic by the shirt after having bungled an attempted clearance.

Boland turned on the style by coming out of the penalty area to intercept the ball. He dribbled for a few metres before finding Ljic with a long through ball that would have done credit to the most visionary of midfielders.

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Boland followed up by making first saves from Tansey and Bozikas, as Cole began to run riot.

Ollerton was making it hard for himself by trying to dribble in tight defensive situations, as Heidelberg dominated completely, with Pat Bannon, Tansey, Yzenndoorn and Arthur McMillan sweeping from the Heidelberg defence.

But this played into the hands of Jovanovic, who saw the opportunity for counter-attacks.

A series of brilliant passes by Jovanovic to Ljic allowed Ljic to run all the way from the half line. Vasic ran parallel through the middle but instead of passing to him, Ljic shot from an angle and Banovic saved.

That was the end for J.U.S.T. Moments later Ollerton conceded that penalty, Cole levelled the scores and

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A team of stars, but not a star team

By KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA
1 (Murphy pen. 72nd min)
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at
Olympic Park. Crowd
about 9,200 (double head-
er).

CROATIA: Blasby 9 —
Short 8, Kokoska 9.5, Gar-
diner 9, Bilaver 8 (sent off
69th min) — Culina 8,
Trot 6, Murphy 6.5 —
Cumming 7, Mitten 7,
Batinovic 6 Cilder 75 55th
min).

SOUTH MELBOURNE:
Laumets 7 — V. Bannon 8,
Xanthopoulos 6, Munro 7,
Davidson 8 — Wright 7
(Lutton 6, half time),
Rogers 8, Christopoulos 7 —
Campbell 6.5 (Nistovski
65th min), Evans 8, Bulje-
vic 5.

Referee: Evans Venios 7
Cautions: Bilaver (sent off),
Kokoska (C)

The South Melbourne fans were silent with disbelief. The confident smiles were gone; replaced by blank-faced looks of bewilderment.

It is 1980, isn't it, they asked. Isn't it the start of a new era for South Melbourne? Isn't it the time our team wiped out the embarrassing memories of finishing last in 1979?

But there was no room for fair tales at Olympic Park last Saturday. Instead, it was a recurring nightmare for South Melbourne's frustrated supporters.

It's a new season and a new decade, but the problems which dogged the team in 1979 have remained.

Bad luck and costly individual errors contributed to South Melbourne's downfall against State League champions Essendon Croatia in the Ampol Cup semi-final. But in the final analysis, the defeat can be put down to South Melbourne's lack of team skills, cohesion, method and understanding between the players.

Last season these problems were compounded when the players' confidence was shattered by off-field wrangles and as a result the team had a shocking season.

Confidence has not doubt been restored to a great extent, as South Melbourne has made little headway in solving the other problems.

Despite having potentially the strongest combination in the Philips League, South Melbourne hasn't produced the goods. But like the old saying goes, a team of stars doesn't necessarily make a star team.

Against Croatia last Saturday night, South Melbourne had possession for long periods but produced very little. There was no plan in attack and limited creative work in midfield.

It was left to individuals — Vince Bannon, Alan Davidson and Alan Evans — to create openings with solo runs.

Croatia coach John Gardiner opted for a plan of containment. The back four marked tightly behind a midfield which restricted the opponents space and time.

Confronted with this problem, South Melbourne pushed the ball square, wide and backwards — exactly what Gardiner had hoped for.

Unable to pass balls into dangerous forward positions from the back, South Melbourne started to pass its midfield by hoisting "long bombs" into the goalmouth.

But Croatia's centre back Steve Kokoska ruled supreme in the air (and on the ground for that matter) as he usually does, and South Melbourne was suddenly out of ideas.

And worse was to follow. Croatia was reduced to 10 men with the dismissal of full back Ante Bilaver in the 60th minute, but South Melbourne still couldn't score against the resolute Essendon backline.

Late in the game South Melbourne had two chances. The first fell to substitute



Alan Davidson shouts instructions to the Hellas defence as Croatia's Noel Mitten (left) and Ned Batinovic (background) wait for a corner.



Croatia striker Carl Gilder (left) stretches to launch a shot at goal. Arthur Xanthopoulos of Hellas is too late to stop him. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

clear by a Davidson pass but Bilaver Peter Blasby raced off his line to smother the shot in brilliant fashion.

Near the end, South Melbourne was awarded a penalty when Croatia's Joe Trot bundled over South's Bertie Lutton, but Blasby was again the hero with a superb penalty save from George Christopoulos.

It was perhaps a tactical blunder to give Christopoulos the responsibility of taking the spot kick. Clearly, more experienced players like Evans, Lutton or Billy Rogers may have been cool in the crisis.

The cringe for South Melbourne came when Gardiner revealed he had studied Christopoulos' penalty kicking and noticed he favours one side — the left, we're left.

Gardiner instructed Blasby to dive to his left and fortunately for Croatia, Blasby was equal to the shot.

South Melbourne created three clear-cut chances during the game — the first a header by Branko Buljevic in the first half, which Blasby saved.

South Melbourne's strike rate was poor. Apart from the three clear-cut chances, there was only a handful of attacks that looked remotely dangerous.

This is a ludicrous state of affairs when you consider the calibre of South Melbourne's forward line.

Surely Souths must formulate a game plan based around Evans and Buljevic — two experienced, highly skilful strikers.

Evans must play in the centre of attack, and not in midfield as he did for half the Ampol Cup semi-final. Buljevic must play on the left, not the right side or the middle as he did for most of last Saturday.

South Melbourne must move the ball forward far more quickly and give accurate passes to these players' feet. They need the ball early to create space and accurately to give them a chance to shake off close-marking defenders.

If the ball is played forward quickly, it's then up to players like Rogers, Christopoulos and even full backs Evans and Davidson to move quickly into support position.

Evans and Buljevic could either lay the ball to a player coming through, or combine with each other using their dribbling skills and short-passing play.

on Saturday night, it didn't have a chance of exploiting any opening in the Croatia defence.

The ball wasn't moved with speed and the Croatia players were able to delay Souths' forward moves and build a solid defence.

And then, when the path was blocked, Souths played across the park instead of knocking balls into the danger zone — the place from where goals are scored.

The heroes for Croatia were Blasby, Kokoska and Gardiner, with Short, Bilaver and Culina playing good supporting roles.

Kokoska was unbeatable and chewed up Souths' highly-rated forward line. Gardiner was not as creative as he normally is but gave ample cover to fellow defenders and marshalled his troops with great confidence.

Blasby showed a remarkable turn in form to give perhaps his best display for Croatia since joining the club Heidelberg Utd. early last season.

Bilaver was booked for a bad foul on Evans and earned the red card for deliberate handball. It was a tough decision by referee Evan Venios, but he had no other option once Bilaver had committed the first offence.

Bilaver let his team down but was a solid player while on the pitch. Right back Steve Short also had a solid game.

Croatia's midfield rarely was creative but Branko Culina perhaps worked harder than Joe Trot and Ken Murdoch.

Up front, Tommy Cumming was overshadowed by Davidson, Noel Mitten was starved of service, and Ned Batinovic was kept out of the game by Vince Bannon.

The appearance of Carl Gilder as a substitute for Batinovic brought new life to the Croatia attack.

Bannon and Davidson were perhaps South Melbourne's best players. They defended stoutly and restricted their individual opponents, and were the teams main avenue of attack with their storming runs upfield.

However, South Melbourne must make sure that adequate cover is available when these two attack, otherwise the defence will be vulnerable to counter-attacks.

This is how Essendon earned its goal. Mitten breaks past Davidson on the left flank and heads toward goal. He is in the penalty area when he takes on Arthur Xanthopoulos. He pushes the ball past Xanthopoulos and beats him for pace, forcing the South Melbourne defender to obstruct Mitten to prevent a certain goal.

Midfielder Murphy siamesed the spot kick wide of goalkeeper Peter Laumes to put Croatia into the Ampol Cup final.

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Wrest Point stakes claim

Leading Tasmanian club Rapid Wrest Point strengthened its case for inclusion in the Philips League by holding Canberra City to a 1-1 draw at Bruce Stadium at the weekend.

Rapid coach Ken Morton, who could not play due to a back injury, described it as one of the finest results in the history of the club.

"I might not be able to get back into the team after this one," he said.

Rapid has sent an application for admission to the PSL and soon will make a submission about how it intends to raise the necessary money.

Morton said ASF president Sir Arthur George, PSL chairman Max Talbot and Newcastle KB United secretary Paul Tristley had promised to help Rapid find a major sponsor.

Rapid fielded experienced midfielder Craig Mason from KB United. The club expects to finalise his free transfer this week.

Another former KB man at Rapid is Peter Willis, who is being used by Morton as a sweeper although he played right back at Newcastle.

Rapid was first to score, when Ray Mohring hammered home a header by Mark Oakes, from a corner by Willis, had been deflected.

Don McLaren equalised for Canberra in a Rapid defensive tangle. Willis and Colin Francis collided as they raced back, and goalkeeper Philip

Peter Willis & Chester Wilcox — Craig Mason 8, Steve Kannegeier 7, Larry Nunn 7 — Dale Blake 7 (Ossie Moore 80th), Mark Oakes 7, Peter Thompson 7 (Mick Southworth 6, 50th).



Gary Cole equalises at 1-1 against J.U.S.T., from the penalty spot.

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Ken Murphy beats goalkeeper Peter Laumets with the penalty that gave Croatia its 1-0 semi-final victory against Hellas. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

BILAYER, BANOVIC, SELEMIDIS OUT

By KYLE PATTERSON

Essendon Croatia is likely to take a gamble and play three centre backs against Heidelberg Utd. in the Victorian Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park this Saturday night (kick off 8.15 pm).

Coach John Gardiner will field the unorthodox defensive combination because he hasn't got a reserve full back to replace the suspended Ante Bilayer, and because the three-centre half system is the best way to combat the powerful Heidelberg attack.

Heidelberg too, has selection headaches with the departure of goalkeeper Yaka Banovic and midfielder Theo Selemidis, who are with the Australian team in Noumea contesting the Oceanian Cup.

Coach Manos Poulakakis, who will quit Heidelberg Utd. after the Ampol Cup final, has two Victorian youth team players to bring into his team.

Goalkeeper Jeff Oliver will replace Banovic in what will be his first big game for Heidelberg Utd. since joining the Philips League from Albion Rovers at the start of the 1978 season.

Charlie Yankos will replace Selemidis in midfield, a position he held in the Ampol Cup preliminary matches.

Heidelberg's changes are straightforward and will not effect the overall balance of the team, though Yankos is a more defensive midfielder than Selemidis.

However, with the offensively-minded Jim Campbell in midfield, the presence of Yankos in a deep-lying role will be an advantage to Heidelberg.

Poulakakis will no doubt ask his players for full effort, as the match marks his farewell from Heidelberg. He will take up his appointment with State League club Juventus from next week.

Croatia's changes are not as straightforward. Gardiner hasn't a replacement full back because Peter Lewis is yet to win a clearance from Altona City. Keith Adams has missed all pre-season training as he was on holiday in England and Grant Smart has asked for a transfer and is training with Green Gully.

Blower was sent off last Saturday night in Croatia's semi-final win over South Melbourne.

Gardiner is likely to introduce former Green Gully defender Mick Klarin into the Croatian defence.

Klarin is likely to renew his battle with Jamie Paton, the Heidelberg Utd ace goalkeeper. Ironically, Klarin marked Paton in the 1978 Ampol Cup, but both players were with different clubs.

Klarin played with the victorious Green Gully, and Paton with runner-up Prahran

Slavia, Klarin did an excellent job blotting out Paton in that match but the stocky striker still managed to score a goal.

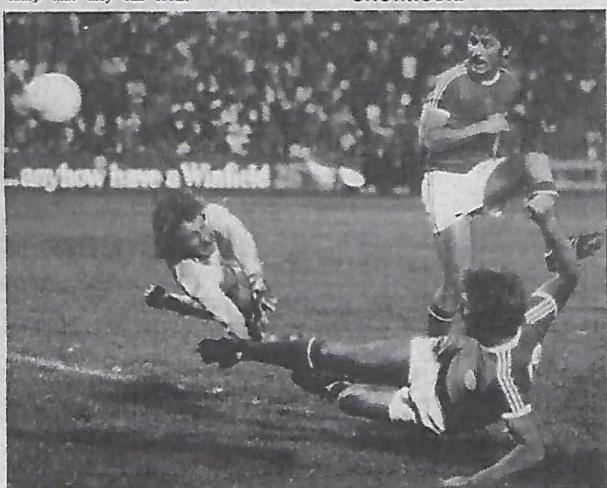
With Klarin tagging Paton, Steve Kokoska will clash with State team mate Gary Cole, who scored two goals in Heidelberg's 3-1 semi-final win over Footscray JUST.

Heidelberg plays with Cole and Paton in the middle of the attack, pushing right up against the last man in the opposition defence.

If a team tries to mark Cole and Paton using only two centre backs, it often runs into big trouble. The strikers are so sharp that they can break



Gary Cole (left) and Jamie Paton congratulate each other after they had combined for the goals by Cole which put Heidelberg ahead 2-1 against J.U.S.T. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets dives desperately in a bid to stop Croatia's Carl Gilder and Steve Kokoska. Luckily for Laumets, the shot by Gilder (on ground), went over the bar.

away when marked man-on-man.

Gardiner's scheme will include a 'shadow' on both players leaving himself to sweep up behind Klarin and Kokoska.

Gardiner will also be able to play a 'libero' role. When Croatia is under pressure, he will be the last man in defence.

When the team goes forward, Gardiner will be able to push into midfield with confidence, knowing his backline will not be exposed.

Full back Steve Short will play on the flank from which Heidelberg's Andy Bozikas at-

tacks. Bozikas prefers the right wing, meaning Short will play at left back.

That will leave the right side of the Croatia defence open.

That's the only drawback of having three centre backs.

The danger is that Campbell and Rooney may be able to exploit this opening with dashes into the forward line.

Gardiner obviously will be free to cover the right side but may instruct one of the Croatia midfielders to play

deep on the right side to make sure Heidelberg can gain no advantage.

Gardiner's other change will be to introduce Carl Gilder into the forward line in place of young Ned Batimovic.

Gilder played as a substitute in Croatia's semi-final win but did enough to earn his place.

Gilder has been on hold in England and missed all of Croatia's preliminary matches in the Ampol Cup.

His return will make a tremendous difference to the Croatia attack, which missed his strength in the air and ability to hold the ball while an attack is built.

The final this Saturday night is sure to be one of the most interesting for many seasons.

One reason is that Croatia and Heidelberg will together field 12 Victorian State team players.

The number would be 13 but for Banovic's absence.

In these 12 players know each other's game inside out, and will be able to pick any weaknesses and exploit them.

The State players on show are John Yzendoorn, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole, Jamie Paton (Heidelberg), Steve Short, John Gardiner, Steven Kokoska, Joe Trott, Carl Gilder and Tommy Cumming (Croatia).

The match is sure to be a thriller, with fast, attractive soccer.

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Likely teams: HEIDELBERG: Olver — McMillan, Bannon, Yzendoorn, Tansey — Yankos, Rooney, Campbell — Cole, Paton, Bozikas.

CROATIA: Blasby — Short, Gardiner, Kokoska, Klarin — Trott, Murphy, Culina — Cumming, Gilder, Mitten.

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- 73+3 Northcote (AC)
- 69+7 P. Bannon (H), Gaffney (BC)
- 75 Jones (WA, now AC)
- 74+1 Stevenson (SC)
- 72+3 Picioane (F)
- 74 Prskalo (Marc)
- 73+1 Perry (WS & BC)
- 72+2 J. Nyskohus (AC), Buljevic (H now SM)
- 70+4 Perin (AC)
- 73 Harris (St G, now B'town)
- 66+7 C. Eaton (WS & SO)
- 72 Stone (WS & APIA), Hermiston (BC & BL), Bennett (BL)
- 71+1 Pye (SM)
- 70+2 Cross (SO)
- 68+4 Palinkas (F, now BC), P.O'Connor (St. G, now APIA)
- 70+1 Crook (WA), Brown (Can)
- 69+2 Barnes (SC)
- 66+5 Pimbblett (BC)
- 69+1 Wilson (WS & APIA)
- 68+2 Kalafatidis (SM)
- 67+3 Tansey (H)
- 66+4 Taylor (H), H. Hilva (SC)
- 65+5 McIntosh (SO, now St.G)

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SERIOUS CAR CRASH: MAIER COPS FINE

Former West German goalkeeper Sepp Maier has been fined 14,000 marks (about 7300 aust dollars) by a Munich court for causing a road accident last year which ended his career.

Maier, 35, capped 95 times by West Germany, announced his retirement last month because of injuries he suffered in the accident last July. Two others were seriously hurt in the crash.

of the season was recently fined 200 pounds for steaming from his former employers.

★★★

Wales and Leeds United are up-in-arms over the fact that full back Byron Stevenson has been banned from all European soccer for four years after he was alleged to have broken the jaw of Turkish star Buyuk Mustafa in the Turkey v Wales European championship match in Turkey last November. Stevenson denied the charges.

★★★

British Press reveal that Middlesbrough midfielder Craig Johnston, 19, has been invited to represent Australia in their summer centenary match against England in Sydney.

★★★

If the price is right, Raphael Villesanz the Uruguayan international defender or midfielder, will sign soon for Wolves.

★★★

Barry Dunn who walked straight into Sunderland's team from local non-league soccer at the start

From JIM COOK
our European Correspondent

Brady, who is quitting British soccer at the end of his contract this season and has a stated preference for a club in West Germany. Arsenal confirm they have an offer for Brady the Republic of Ireland genius but will not reveal the club.

★★★

A massive redevelopment of the city centre in Southampton of a 50 acre plot to cost 10 million pounds may mean a new ground/stadium for Southampton F.C. The Dell their present home is one of the poorest in the first division.

★★★

Peter Marinello the former Hibs, Arsenal and Motherwell player has only played about half a dozen games for his present club Fulham in the past six months. This has been due to his wife having had an emergency operation early in December. His wife is now recovering and the former Canberra City guest star is hoping to be back in action soon.

★★★

Gordon Banks reckons the supply of top class keepers is drying up and when Clemence and Shilton are gone England could be in trouble.

★★★

Kevin Keegan has recorded another song called England which will be on the market soon. The title England has nothing to do with the national team.

★★★

Luton Town are considering signing 23 year-old Peru international midfielder Raul Gorriti who

recently spent a week with Leeds United.

★★★

Following the postponement of the Nottingham Forest v Norwich match at Nottingham due to the pitch being waterlogged, Norwich manager John Bond incensed that Forest had played Barcelona there on the Wed. "Forest should get Brian Clough to use his mouth to blow hot air on the pitch and dry it out." Bad feeling between Bond and Clough has existed all season when Bond accused Clough of making a rod for other managers backs by paying the first 1 million pound transfer fee.

★★★

Cliff Williams, goalie of a Sunday League side in Desides, North Wales was sent off — for smoking. His side still won 7-2.

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Bobby Robson, the Ipswich manager, has called for the abolition of "Yellow Card" system of bookings. He feels the yellow cards are being used with alarming regularity.

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Mike Bailey, the former Wolves player who not long back took over as team manager of Charlton Athletic, was recently relieved of his post by general manager Andy Nelson and relegated to the job of coach. Now Charlton fans are calling for Nelson to quit as the club slides deeper and deeper into the relegation zone.

	1979			Single Game		1978	
	Total	Average	High	Low	Total	Average	
Atlanta	110,244	7,349	13,012	3,343	157,569	11,171	
California	154,956	10,330	16,197	7,182	128,819	4,187	
Chicago	120,535	8,035	21,127	4,244	134,714	8,980	
Dallas	139,485	9,299	21,069	6,144	127,775	9,518	
Detroit	210,864	14,058	20,526	7,139	182,906	12,193	
Edmonton	148,854	9,923	16,122	6,280			
Fort Lauderdale	205,615	13,707	19,850	9,089	157,188	10,479	
Houston	93,183	6,212	12,315	4,653	87,085	5,805	
Los Angeles	215,013	14,334	42,496	4,803	138,526	9,235	
Memphis	107,071	7,138	10,765	4,695			
Minnesota	368,695	24,579	43,952	14,287	463,903	30,926	
New England	98,433	6,562	15,763	1,446	177,882	11,858	
New York	700,348	46,689	72,342	33,271	717,842	47,856	
Philadelphia	84,357	5,624	17,352	3,291	124,199	8,279	
Portland	167,584	11,172	18,254	6,244	177,049	11,803	
Rochester	130,200	8,680	18,881	5,822	101,402	6,760	
San Diego	169,071	11,271	15,800	8,381	79,848	5,323	
San Jose	226,379	15,092	17,242	13,555	214,217	14,281	
Seattle	284,993	18,999	34,012	12,395	338,677	22,578	
Tampa Bay	428,197	28,546	45,888	16,869	271,846	18,123	
Toronto	177,321	11,821	29,432	3,312	93,501	6,233	
Tulsa	246,373	16,424	30,162	10,102	169,057	11,270	
Vancouver	344,436	22,964	32,372	16,985	236,046	15,736	
Washington	178,610	11,907	26,294	5,223	161,741	10,782	

Cosmos' attendances drop, but still highest in NASL

Fourteen of the 24 North American Soccer League clubs showed increases in attendance at their regular season home games in 1979, while attendance dropped in eight cities.

Two cities, Atlanta and Edmonton, were not in the league in 1978.

Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Los Angeles, Rochester, San Diego, San Jose, Tampa Bay, Toronto, Tulsa, Vancouver and Washington showed increases.

Of these 14, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tampa Bay, Toronto, Tulsa and Vancouver all showed increases of more than 5,000 per game, with the average attendance in Tampa up an amazing 10,423 per game.

Dallas, Houston, San Jose and Washington showed marginal increases, while Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Chicago and Rochester were all up by more than 1,000.

Teams in the losing column were California, Memphis, Minnesota, New England, New York, Philadelphia, Portland and Seattle.

Both California and Portland were down less than 1,000 per game, Memphis and Philadelphia over 2,000 per game (and for two struggling franchises that's a lot)

while the Cosmos were off 1,167.

But the real losers were Minnesota, New England and Seattle. The Kicks dropped an enormous 6,347 per game and struggling New England 5,296, while Seattle, on a bad year, lost 3,579 fans per game.

Of the two new teams, Edmonton did well considering its late start and poor record, for their 9,000-plus was a steady figure, while Atlanta, again with a poor record for most of the season, did well to average over 7,000.

Holland more adventurous under Zwartkruis?

Continuing from last week our run-down on the eight European Championship finalists . . .

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

June 11: Czechoslovakia v W. Germany (Rome) and Greece v Holland (Naples).

June 12: Spain v Italy (Milan) and England v Belgium (Turin).

June 14: Czech v Greece (Rome) and W. Germany v Holland (Naples).

June 15: Spain v Belgium (Milan) and Italy v England (Turin).

June 17: Czech v Holland (Milan) and W. Germany v Greece (Turin).

June 18: Spain v England (Naples) and Italy v Belgium (Rome).

June 21: Third place play-off (Naples).

June 22: Final (Rome).

One game each day will kick-off at 16.45 GMT the other at 19.30 GMT.

GROUPS

2 — Italy, England, Spain, Belgium.

1 — Holland, W. Germany,

Czechoslovakia, Greece.

FINALISTS' RECORDS

Since 1978

World Cup Finals

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Belgium	10	4	4	2	12	7
Czechoslovakia	14	8	0	8	30	17
England	13	9	3	1	29	10
Greece	9	4	1	4	17	18
Holland	12	7	2	3	22	12
Italy	9	6	1	2	12	9
Spain	11	4	2	5	15	12
W. Germany	11	8	3	0	24	8

HOLLAND

Would Holland have been more adventurous than consistent in the 1978 World Cup if Jan Zwartkruis had been allowed to continue as manager instead of being relegated to No 2 under Ernst Happel?

The Euro finals could answer this question, for the 53-year-old ex-air force officer is back as No 1 and has done well to beat an injury crisis which has forced continual changes in midfield.

Zwartkruis, however, has a reputation for being lucky and this was borne out with his choice of Frans Thijssen in the all-or-nothing qualifier against East Germany. Holland were soon 2-0 down but rallied to win 3-2 and the Ipswich man got their first goal.

Otherwise, Zwartkruis will stick as closely as he can to the World Cup side, including Rudi Krol and probably long range shooting experts Erny Brandts and Wim Jansen as well as the Van der Kerkhof twins — who will probably sign for Italy's Perugia afterwards.

In attack the new star is Ajax's Simon Tahamata.

WEST GERMANY

Runners-up on a penalty contest in 1976 and winners in 1972, West Germany are unbeaten since Jupp Derwall's erstwhile boss, Helmuth Schoen, retired after the disappointing 1978 World Cup Finals.

Quietly, but firmly, Derwall has broken with Schoen's traditions. He has built a new team — who thrashed Wales 5-1 in October in a decisive qualifying game — and selected Rainer Bonhof (Valencia) and Uli Stielike (Real Madrid), exiles who would both have been steadfastly ignored by Schoen because of that fact. In fact, when Stielike left Borussia Mo for Madrid he was so sure he wouldn't be picked again, he failed to insist on a release clause in his contract!

The new star though is Bayern Munich forward Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, cotted by Italy's Milan. At 24 Rummenigge already has 28 caps, and laid on the Germans' first goal for Klaus Fischer in the December 2-0 win over Turkey. Greece still won 1-0.

Goalkeeper Konstantinou, defenders Kapsis and Iosifidis and forward Nikolaidis are other key players.

Manni Kaltz and Stuttgart's midfielder Hansi Muller and sweeper Karl-Heinz Forster, who promise to make life tough for their opponents in Italy.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The holders, and possibly dangerously underrated. As they proved against England at Wembley in November, 1978, even away from home and in difficult conditions they can rise to the occasion. That day it needed a brilliant Peter Shilton to prevent England being 3-0 down at half-time.

Six survivors remain from the 1976 winners — Ondrus, Gogh, Panenka, Jurkemik, Masney and centre-forward Zdenek Nehoda, the law student who has just been named Footballer of the Year for the second season running.

The Czechs are fortunate in being led by a Ron Greenwood-type boss in Josef Venglos, a former Slovan Bratislava half-back who thinks deeply about coaching and tactics and the essence of team spirit — always so vital under the pressures of the finals.

GREECE

This has been a momentous season for Greek football: 1. They have reached major finals for the first time. 2. Their first division is now fully professional. 3. The players' organisation have threatened to recommend a two-week strike when the national team are playing in Italy!

Reece are No 1 outsiders, having reached the finals almost by default, after Hungary and Russia both dropped silly points to little Finland.

Until now the only Greek claim to glory was Panathinaikos' appearance in the 1971 Champions' Cup Final at Wembley, which they lost 2-0 to Ajax.

Now they have made national team history of their own, thanks to the leadership of 45-year-old manager Altekas Panagoulis, who has been in charge for three years. He has brought discipline — even daring to send home for insubordination star striker Tomas Mavros before the vital September qualifier v Russia. Greece still won 1-0.

Goalkeeper Konstantinou, defenders Kapsis and Iosifidis and forward Nikolaidis are other key players.

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McMenemy to build super team with Keegan

Football millionaire Kevin Keegan returned to England from West Germany for peanuts last week.

The stylish forward (below), who cost Hamburger SV \$1.1 million in late 1977, switched to Southampton for a mere \$832,000 thanks to a clause in his contract.

He had been expected to join Juventus of Italy but decided to return to his home country to prepare more thoroughly for England's bid to win the 1982 World Cup. Keegan is captain of England.

With Keegan in its line-up and shrewd manager Lawrie McMenemy at the helm, Southampton achieve a lot more glory similar to its sensational FA Cup final victory against Manchester United in 1976.

Southampton is nicknamed 'The Saints'.



Jubilant Southampton players do a lap on honor at Wembley after having won the 1976 FA Cup. From left: Peter Rodrigues,

Paul Gilchrist, Mel Blyth and David Pech. With Kevin Keegan in the team, Southampton is set for a lot of triumphs.



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KOWALEC JOINS SLAVIA, 'SANDY' GETS KENNEDY

Prahran Slavia manager Tony Vrzina has appointed former Polonia star Kaz Kowalec as reserve coach.

Kowalec, who featured in the Polonia teams of the late 1960s, will also work on the development of Slavia's juniors.

Vrzina said he was pleased to have Kowalec on his coaching staff.

"I'm very happy to have Kowalec because he is dedicated to helping juniors, and was an excellent player during his career. That means he can pass on his skills and knowledge with demonstrations," said Vrzina.

Vrzina further boosted Slavia's coaching staff for 1980 when he persuaded Harry Chalkitis to stay on as first team coach.

Chalkitis has been senior coach at Slavia since early 1978, but it was



Joe Szabo

Victorian round-up with KYLE PATTERSON

Slavia and State team forward Jim Williams returns to Australia from overseas soon, but his future with the club is undecided.

His contract expired at the end of last season, and reports suggest he would like to join another State League club.

Vrzina, however, will do all he can to keep Williams at Slavia.

Slavia president John Kosnar is currently in Hong Kong on business, but will also do some scouting work for the club.

Vrzina wants to sign a goalscorer, and has two possible players lined up in Hong Kong.



Goalkeeper John Kennedy (right) leaps to thwart Juventus striker Dino De Marchi in the 1977 Dockey Cup final. Kennedy is now coach of Sandringham.

Cirkovic builds team

South Melbourne Hellas' director of coaching Cedo Cirkovic is forming an impressive team of coaches.

His former Footscray J.U.S.T. team mate Milos Adamovic has joined Cirkovic and he also has added former Melbourne and Victorian centre back Joe Szabo.

Kennedy wins transfer

John Kennedy, the new coach of Victorian Fourth Division club Sandringham City, was transferred last week by his former club Melbourne.

He therefore will be able to play in goal for Sandringham, which has lost former goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese to Slavia.

Sandringham paid Melbourne only \$700 for Kennedy and midfielder Paul Thompson in a budget deal.

Sandringham played a practice match against Melbourne last Thursday night and won 3-1.

Kennedy, the former South Melbourne, Heidelberg Utd, Essendon Croatia and Melbourne goalkeeper, has had to adjust to the different demands of the Fourth Division.

"I've quickly found out that a Fourth Division club is run on completely different lines than one in the First Division," Kennedy said.

"For instance, I have committee members who are also first team players, and you wouldn't find that situation in the First Division".

Kennedy said he couldn't expect Fourth Division players to devote as much time to soccer as those in the top leagues, "because the rewards aren't as great".

However, Kennedy predicted Sandringham would win promotion to the Third Division.

"The team had a good season last year and has many fine players," said Kennedy.

Cunningham departs

Preston Makedonia midfielder Stuart Cunningham has returned to England to see his sick mother.

Cunningham, who joined Preston during last season, may have difficulty securing a re-entry visa from the Department of Immigration.

He is expected to be away at least a month, and Makedonia hopes he will be able to return to Australia.

Meanwhile, transferred Eric Lesbirel is likely to stay with the club. Lesbirel, a former New Zealand international, was put up for sale, because Preston was unhappy with its midfielders.

The club is still looking for a top class linkman, but Lesbirel will probably stay with the club.

Makedonia has already bought a midfielder this season — Claude Lucchesi for \$3,500 from State League rivals Juventus.

Makedonia has a challenge match this Sunday (February 24) at B.T. Connor Reserve against Footscray J.U.S.T. kick



Former Polonia star Kaz Kowalec attempts some acrobatics as he hits a shot at goal. Kowalec is now a coach at Slavia.



Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf (right) chats with Slavia coach Tony Vrzina.

The formation of the company is also intended to the junior set up and social club activities of George Cross.

George Cross will play Altona City at Kim Reserve, Altona, this Sunday (February 24). Reserves kick off 1 pm, seniors 3 pm.

Juventus calls all juniors

The registration of Juventus juniors will take place at Summer Park, Glenlyon Rd., Brunswick between 6-7.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

All new players are welcome to join the juniors.

Juventus hopes to get its 'Old Boy' team together on a more regular basis. Any former players interested should contact A. Mezzadra (ph: 63 8513), G. Penzo (ph: 308 1700) or R. Di Zio (ph: 557 7739).

Box Hill v. Monash

First Division club Box Hill will play Monash University in a practice game at Wembley Park, Box Hill, this Saturday. The reserves kick off at 1 pm, seniors 3 pm.

Ltd. — hopes to build the club in size in the 1980s.

The company's main concern at present is the acquisition of a ground in Juke St., Sunshine.

The Juke St. complex is yet to be developed, but George Cross hoped that by negotiating as a company, it will have an advantage over other potential ground tenants.

Cross now a company

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Stuart Cunningham, the Preston Makedonia midfielder who will be missing from the team for several weeks.

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\$120m a year plan to restore reputation

A 10-year programme, involving expenditure of \$120 million a year at today's costs, is needed to restore Australia's reputation as a leading sports nation, according to the president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George.

In a paper presented at the ALP National Seminar on sport and recreation, Sir Arthur called for a six-point programme over the next decade.

The seminar was held in Brisbane at the weekend. Sir Arthur's programme would consist of:

- Upgrading of spectator facilities and provision of 150 West German-style training establishments which would provide facilities for a variety of sports.
- Increased professionalism in administration and coaching.
- Government assistance to increase Australia-wide competition and enable Australian athletes to compete overseas.
- A national approach to sport, with particular emphasis on sport in schools.
- A positive national approach to the social problems of youth, the problems of discipline, generally related to sport, to fitness and competitiveness.
- Using sport to unify Australians of different ethnic backgrounds and to regenerate national pride.

Sir Arthur says he assumed a continuing inflation of an average of eight per cent a year and came to the conclusion it would be a broad programme of about \$1,700 million.

That was an average of around \$170 million a year after allowing for a degree of self-help and income contribution from planned activities.

The contemplated expenditure was a little more than one-four hundredth or .0025 per cent of the current consolidated State and Federal expenditure.

He had taken as a guideline consolidated public expenditure on a State and Federal basis because projects such as those should be financed by a combination of:

Grants by the Federal and State Governments, direct expenditure by Federal and State Governments and local authorities, loans by the State and Federal Governments, portion of which may be by guarantee, and contributions of sport itself... "as there must be a degree of self-help in any such programme."



Preliminary discussions were held at the end of November 1979 about the realisation of ten World Youth Championships in Australia which will take place from 3 to 18 October 1981. After the first contact had been made there were some obviously contentious faces — from left to right: Paul Barron, director sports programmes, the Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta; Sir Arthur George, Chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sydney; J. S. Blatter, Secretary World Youth Championship Committee of FIFA, Zurich.

'Slickers' looking for home

Sydney City will be without a home ground for at least the first two weeks of the Philips League championship.

The club was due to move to the re-developed Marks Field, but delays caused by the Sydney city council have upset Sydney City's plans.

The Sydney Sports Ground is likely to be Sydney City's 'home' ground for at least one fixture.

Marks Field has been extensively updated by the Sydney city council, and will feature seating for 8000 spectators — 3000 under cover in the grandstand.

New turf has been laid on the pitch, which has been moved 50

metres south to bring it in line with new terracing.

The complex includes a VIP lounge in the grandstand, and new dressing rooms for players and referees.

A new Press box has been constructed, and a tartan running track is also part of the complex.

Good news for Sydney City is the return of the versatile Ian Souness, the Australian under 23 player of the year in 1978.

Souness wasn't expected to return to Australia from Britain, but has agreed terms with Sydney City for 1980.

The club has clinched the signing of several fine youngsters expected to develop into stars with Sydney City.

They are:

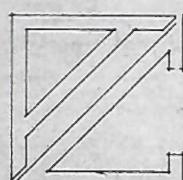
John Spanos — from West Australian club Morley Windmills. Was a member of the Australian under 19 team that toured Paraguay in 1979.

Chris Spanos — from WA club Athena. Was a member of the Australian under 16 team that played in the Lions Cup in Singapore recently. The younger brother of John Spanos.

Brett Woods — from NSW State League club Auburn. Played with the Australian under 16 team in Singapore.

Graham Fletcher — from NSW club Illawarra. Represented Australian under 15 team in Perth for youth international against Malaysia.

Sydney City is anxious to locate striker Ernie Campbell, who went to Britain during the close season, but has yet to return or notify the club of his whereabouts.



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ANDREW CZAPNIK

Croydon City chases Kent

Victorian State League club Croydon City is trying to sign winger Chris Kent of Adelaide City.

Kent has many friends at Croydon, as he used to play for nearby Ringwood Wilhelmina.

He moved from there to South Melbourne Hellas before being bought by Adelaide City coach Rale Basic.

Croydon hopes to have Kent at the ground when it meets Newcastle KB United in a friendly match at Croydon Park on Sunday.

The ground is in Mt. Dandenong Road, Croydon, and the main match kicks off at 2 pm.

Curtain-raiser, between Doncaster Rovers and Ringwood United, starts at 12.30 pm.

Admission is \$2 and children are free. Part of the proceeds will go towards the Maroondah Hospital

building fund and the match is sponsored by Toooths Breweries.

Newcastle will feature former Leeds and England full back Paul Reaney and all the other Philips League stars — Roy Drinkwater, Bill Summerscales, Graham Heys, Joe Senkowski, Peter Tredinnick, Col Curran etc. It will be interesting to see how big Mark Treter (ex-West Brom) fits into the role vacated by Ken Boden who's now at Sydney City.

TURNBULL MOVE TO BLACKTOWN: APPEAL TO ASF

Newly-promoted club Blacktown City is searching desperately for a major sponsor with the Philips League kick off only three weeks away.

Blacktown City, which replaced Sydney Olympic in the PSL, is finding difficulty in breaking the Rugby League stronghold in the area.

"Most of the big companies in the area are tied up with Rugby," said Blacktown coach Mick Jones, "and we face competition from four other PSL clubs in Sydney in the chase for sponsors."

"It's a hard task to find a sponsor, but we haven't given up. Blacktown City has so much to offer, it can't belong before we find a sponsor."

The PSL club, which will be financed heavily by its social club, recently started two separate ventures which could be financially rewarding.

The club opened a sports shop at its Gabbie Stadium, and established a sports medicine clinic at the ground.

The sports shop works on normal trading hours, but the clinic is open only from 3-6 pm.

Blacktown City's qualified physiotherapist Jim Smith runs the clinic.

Seating for 2000 spectators has been fitted along one side of the pitch at Gabbie Stadium.

Coach Jones said he hoped to sign defender Warren Turnbull from APIA Leichhardt. APIA placed a \$10,000 fee on

Turnbull, but the player appealed to the Australian Soccer Federation on the fee, and expected to have it heavily reduced.

Jones hopes to sign a central defender before the PSL league programme starts.

George Harris, the former Socceroo full back who broke his arm in a practice game against his old club St. George, is still in training.

He has had a pin inserted into the fracture, which allows him to train. He will be ready for the PSL kick off when Blacktown meets... wait for it... St. George!

Midfielder Bill Amey, who joined Blacktown from the Queensland State League, has missed two weeks with a calf muscle injury, but is now recovering.

Jim Isatt has been forced to return to Scotland urgently, and will be away at least two weeks.

Jones said his team was coming along nicely, but added there was plenty of room for improvement.

Blacktown has beaten APIA 3-2 and drawn 2-2 with St. George in practice games this season.

Jones was full of praise for former Western Suburbs stars Dave Harding and Allan Fisher.

"Harding is training with the enthusiasm of an

18 year old. He's set for a tremendous season," said Jones.

"Fisher is two-yards quicker than he was last season, and has already got into the swing with two goals against APIA."

Blacktown's supporters waiting anxiously for the arrival of former England superstar Bobby Charlton, who will play in the club's opening PSL game against St. George at Gabbie Stadium.



Former Western Suburbs and APIA defender Warren Turnbull jumps above his Newcastle opponent to head clear.

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Croatia into quarter-finals

Croatia played far better than in its previous two outings to defeat Canterbury-Marrickville 2-0 at St George Stadium before a crowd of 2543. There was far more enthusiasm in this Croatia team and far more positive play which resulted in a convincing win for one of the Cup favourites.

However, Croatia will have to wait for the outcome of the match between Wollongong and Marrickville (postponed from the first round) to sort out the two top spots in the group. Wollongong will have to win to take out top spot.

Wednesday night, Wollongong featured in a six-goal game with Kuringal to snatch the quarter final spot. The reports from the game indicate that both defences leaked like Vietnamese sampans and it will take some good work by Mike Johnson to improve his backline to stop a fast Marrickville team in its last outing in the qualifying rounds.

Skill and fancy footwork does not come easily to side and a certain amount of speed, cohesion and enthusiasm must be added to make Wollongong a team to beat. I am sure that Mike is well aware of that fact and will be able to plug up the

holes and continue where they left off against Croatia.

Results of last week: Kuringal — Wollongong 3-3; Croatia — Marrickville 2-0.

Game to be played: Wollongong v. Marrickville.

Croatia 2 Marrickville 0

Ground: St. George Stadium

Referee: Peter Rampling S

Crowd: 2532

Yellow cards: Nil

Red cards: Craig Hall (M), Durdic (C).

GOALS: Watson 8, A. Kovacic 5, Mullin 8, Basic 9, Smith 7, Duderic 5, Cegaj 7, Savo 7, Coleman 7, M. Kovacic 7, Papano 8.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 8, Cable 5, Bosangase 6, Thomson 7, Sheldrick 7, Byles 6, R. Brown 7, N. Williams 8, Thamnidis 7, Hall 5, J. Ramisch 6 (Oman) -



NSW AMPOL CUP

With TED SMITHIES



Marian Kovacic

With only one game to be played in this group, Wollongong Utd and Croatia are certain qualifiers for two of the top eight positions in this year's Ampol Cup.

Wollongong will have to draw, or lose by a single goal, to qualify in its last game, set for tomorrow. (Wednesday) against Marrickville.

Despite some huge spending in the off season, Marrickville failed to impress in the Ampol Cup. Star forward Craig Hall was sent off in the dying minutes of the game against Croatia for fighting.

Durdic and Hall stood up to each other with five minutes to go, having a pretty fair fight before Mr Rampling stepped in. Croatia's captain appeared disgusted with Durdic and took him off the field following the fight which, according to some experts, finished in a draw!

That appeared to be the only department where Marrickville matched Croatia on the night. Superior in both halves, Croatia led through a goal by Papano in the 32nd minute, then sealed its win in the dying seconds of the game through Marian Kovacic.

Canterbury were unlucky not to score when a shot by Thamnidis rattled the upright. Coleman was doubly unlucky as Coleman managed to hit the woodwork twice.

Monaro erased memories of its last defeat by Bankstown with a well deserved victory over Yugal at St George Stadium. Ian Heywood scored three goals in a game which almost turned into nightmare for the Yugal keeper Kostidis in the second half.

Monaro failed to score in this instance but maintained the pressure and Trajanoski scored soon after, in the 62nd minute, with a powerful swerving shot from wide in the area.

Kostidis was unable to get fully behind the ball and bumbled it over his line.

The second Monaro goals signalled the start of a blitz in which the Monaro front men assumed complete control. With some fine running, another three goals were rattled into the net before the final whistle.

Yugal's only joy came in the 70th with a goal following a free kick from 5 metres outside the area.

This made the score 3-1 but it was against the run of play

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
GROUP "A"							
Croatia	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Wollongong	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Kuringal	3	1	1	1	8	10	3
Marrickville	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
GROUP "B"							
Bankstown	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Auburn	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Monaro	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
Yugal	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
GROUP "C"							
Syd Olympic	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Sutherland	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Manly	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
Parramatta	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
GROUP "D"							
Arncliffe	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Merlita	3	1	1	1	5	2	3
Avala	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
North Sydney	3	1	0	2	4	9	2

QUARTER FINAL DRAW

Croatia or Wollongong v. Bankstown.

Croatia or Wollongong v. Auburn.

Sydney Olympic v. Merlita.

Sutherland v. Arncliffe.

Games will be played at Barton Park on Friday 22.2.80 at 7.15 pm, followed by two games on Wednesday 27.2.80, also at Barton Park, beginning at 7.15 pm.



Chris Thamnidis
the Sharks to reach the quarters.

MANLY 2 PARRAMATTA 0

Goals: Townsend (64').

Lackey (O.G. 88').

Referee: K. Small 9.

Ground: St. George Stadium.

Crowd: 380.

MANLY: Dower 7, Mouttet 7,

Burchett 6, Doyle 6, Townsend 7, Riley 6, Stuart 7, Jack 8, Morris 7, Beaven 7, Rozenzand 6.

PARRAMATTA: Barker 6,

Beron 6, (Jordan 88'), Bigland 6, McKenzie 5, Brizeula 5,

Lackey 5, Roden 6, Hayde 5,

Fisher 6, (Waldon 1), O'Maya 8, Hearne 6.

Manly wandered to a 2:0 win over Parramatta in a game which both teams more than likely prefer to forget.

The first goal came 54 minutes into the match after a smart run down the right flank by Scott Beverley. His cross to the far post found Townsend to cut the ball back into the area to give Townsend the easiest of opportunities. The Manly defender made no mistake to give his team its first goal of the Ampol Cup.

GROUP C
Olympic 2
Sutherland 1

Sydney Olympic repeated last year's effort against Sutherland to win 2-1. Sutherland finally reached the finals undefeated. The young Sutherland team worked hard, but could not match the overall strength and speed of Olympic.

Sutherland faces Parramatta in the last match of Group C to decide which team will join Olympic in the next round, but very few people would doubt that Sutherland will have an easy task and finish in second place.

The only way this group will suffer any chance would be for Parramatta to beat Sutherland by the slenderest of margins, and Manly would scrape in. It is difficult to see how Sutherland could loose and for that reason one must favour

and much too late for any hope of a revival in the outclassed Yugal team.

Both teams made replacements, Smith 60 and Stanoli 65 for Monaro and Kapista 61 for Yugal, with Kapista being one of Yugal's better players.

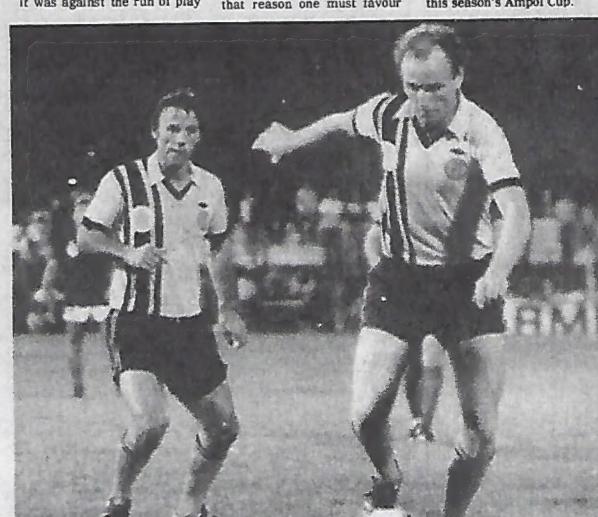
GROUP C
Olympic 2
NORTH SYDNEY 0

As expected, Merlita Eagles defeated North Sydney Inter to jump into second place on the table of Group D and finish in front of Avala.

Merlita joined Arncliffe as group final qualifiers from this group and will most probably meet Olympic in the quarterfinals to be played this Friday night.

Each team in this group finished with a win and drew, but only Arncliffe managed to stay ahead while Merlita stayed in on goal average.

For all those who haven't seen Arncliffe Scots, a word of warning: It is not the same side of last year, and could most probably cause a few more upsets before the end of this season's Ampol Cup.



Heidelberg United captain Jimmy Rooney (left) watches intently as Jim Tansey prepares to shoot at goal in the Ampol Cup match against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park last Saturday. Heidelberg won 3-1.



Mike Olinowski

Olinowski coach at Ardeer

Former Polonia and Victorian State defender Mike Olinowski has been appointed player-coach of Ardeer, which was relegated to the Second Division last season.

But Ardeer has lost star midfielder Eddie Kupisz who is training with Kellie-Australia. Stan Kain, who was with Werribee last season, is also trying out at Australia.

Stan's brother, Kaz, is play-

er-coach of Werribee.

Rae's 2nd. appeal

Midfielder Billy Rae has been granted a second appeal hearing with the Victorian Soccer Federation to resolve his dispute with Melbourne.

Relegated to the Second Division last season, Melbourne put Rae on the transfer list at \$2,200.

Rae appealed against the fee and the VSF set a date for the hearing.

However, the letter from the VSF advising Rae of the date for the hearing went astray and the appeal went without him last week.

The VSF appeals committee ruled the fee to be reasonable at the first hearing.

Rae explained to the VSF that he wasn't informed of the appeal date until the day after it was heard and so was granted a second hearing.

Rae believes he has strong grounds to have the fee reduced. Rae joined Melbourne at the start of 1979 and had a poor season, but saw him and Serge Triboulet from Albion Rovers for \$1,900.

Before playing with Albion Rovers, Rae was with Hakoah St. Kilda.

Cup series at Werribee

Victorian Fourth Division club Werribee will conduct the annual Roveto Cup on Sunday.

Four teams will contest the trophy at Galvin Park, Werribee, with the first game kicking off at 11 am.

Werribee, Richmond and St Albans will be joined by a fourth team in the battle for the trophy.

SPRINGVALE v SLAVIA

Victorian First Division club Springvale City will play Slavia in a practice match at Ross Reserve tonight (Wednesday) at 6.30 pm.

Springvale City will play Croatia in a practice game at Ross Reserve next Tuesday kick off of 6.30 pm.

Women's soccer

The final round of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association's indoor competition will be played on Sunday (February 24) at the Footscray YMCA building.

One round of group matches is to be completed and the final is expected to kick off at 3.15 pm.

The YMCA building is in Essex St., West Footscray.

Junior trials

Trials for the Victorian Western Region junior representative teams start at Castley Reserve, Sunshine, on Saturday, February 23, at 10 am.

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DOCKERTY CUP

The preliminary round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday, March 8. The second preliminary round will be played on March 15. Kick-off time is 2.45 pm.

Preliminary Round: Mornington v Eltham, Park Rangers v Port Melbourne, Frankston v Maribyrnong, Yallourn v Brighton, Corio Bay Hills; Nunawading City v Tarax; Doveton v St Albans, Keysborough v Nunawading United; Richmond v Doncaster Rovers; Sandringham v Moreland; Frankston Pines v Prahran City.

The following clubs have byes: Waverley City, Central City, Heidelberg United, Bell Park, South Melbourne, Ferntree Gully, Altona Gate, Ringwood United, Melbourne, Knox City, Heidelberg, Broadmeadows.

KB KO'd in rough game

By BRUCE WADDELL

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Reid 62nd, Niven 78th) NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 at Lions Stadium. Crowd about 1800, weather overcast and humid. Referee — J. Wood. 5. Caution, nil.

LIONS — Scanlan 7, Ontong 8, Bennett 8, Hermiston 8, Niven 8, Wilson 7, Lindsay 9, Millman 8, Reid 7, McNaughton 7 (Hughes 80th), Verweij 6 (McGregor 80th).

NEWCASTLE — Preston 7 (Dando 46th, 61st, Reaney 7, Drinkwater 7, Summerscales 7, Cowburn 6, Boot 7, Sneddon 6 (Deakin 46th, 61st, McClelland 7, Hayes 7 (Kamara 45th, 61st, McGeorg 6, Jones 6).

Brisbane Lions continued to display impressive form in their lead-up to the PSL season by beating an experimental Newcastle United team 2-0 at the Lions stadium at Richlands.

It was Lions' first outing against southern opposition at their revamped headquarters, and follows up their equally promising 2-1 win over Brisbane City the previous week.

But a couple of points should be noted. One is that the Lions team which played in this match is virtually the lineup coach Matt Mattson will field when the league begins.

United on the other hand had a number of players absent, including Mark Treder, Joe Senakal, Arto Bertonga and Col Curran.

What might be a worry for Vest is the unsteadiness at the back, particularly in the second half, when Lions really turned on some fluent attacking football.

Three of the players in defence in this game — Roy Drinkwater, Bill Summerscales and Paul Reaney — most certainly will be regulars when the season gets underway.

United also lost winger Graham Hayes with an ankle injury when he was cut down by left-back Alan Niven right on half-time, an incident which passed without a word from referee Jack Wood.

Middlefield John Sneddon was taken off with a head injury and was suffering double vision after clashing with a Lions player.

Many of the United players were visibly upset by some of Wood's decisions. He certainly let far too much go, even allowing for the fact that there was nothing at stake.

On the credit side for Lions was a top performance from their defence, encouraging work from the midfield and eye-catching efforts from the two State league players signed by Carson, striker John Reid (Anderley) and midfielder Gerry Lindsay (Southside Eagles).

The first half finished scoreless. Drinkwater headed the ball home in the fifth minute, but the goal was disallowed for pushing.

Both sides produced sweeping end-to-end moves within two minutes midway through the half but the resultant headers from Lindsay (Lions) and United's Malcolm McClelland missed.

Just before half-time, Preston was forced into a brilliant save by midfielder Graham Wilson.

Reaney, upset by the tackle by Niven on Hayes, tried a "get square" with a very crude swish of the boot, which also went unchallenged by referee Wood.

Former Ringwood City (Vic.) and Townsville United striker Dave Deakin was introduced at half time but neither he nor trialist Mick Boot from Townsville had much chance to show anything.

Lions dominated the second half almost from the restart and substitute Phil Dando was kept busy by Reid and Lindsay.

United's main chance was a fierce cross by replacement winger Kamara that whizzed past unchallenged.

Seventeen minutes into the half, Lions broke through with a move started by Hermiston and carried on by Kiwi John Verweij.

Lions' other Kiwi, Mark McNaughton, neatly flicked on and Reid was left right in front with only Dando to beat.

Lions produced a swift breakaway in the 70th minute, which left Niven in the clear down the right. He cut in and forced Dando to push over the top.

Shortly after, Niven was rewarded positively when he picked up a loose ball on the left, progressed towards the baseline and eventually scored with a powerful cross which went in off Dando and then the upright.

Midfielder John Sneddon was taken off with a head injury and was suffering double vision after clashing with a Lions player.

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